

**BOROUGH OF LAWRENCEVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 03, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER

President Marian Russell called the Regular Meeting of the Lawrenceville Borough Council to order at 7:02 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Council Members:

Robert Abel
Mildred Bliss
Melvin Davis
Alan Losey
Edward Lockhart
Marian Russell

Chief of Police:

Walter Beach

Mayor:

Bryce Taft

Secretary:

Darcy Wood

Visitors:

Al Beach
Donna Blend
Wayne Hopper
Judy Kenyon
Tom Rotsell
Jay Erb, Code Inspections, Inc.
Bob Hiel, Code Inspections, Inc

Karen Flynn
Terry Thompson
Fern Deming
Cleo Russell
Gordon Chilson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of April 05, and April 26, 2004 were approved as presented.

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Code Inspections, Inc. provides inspection services for the code enforcement of the new Uniform Construction Code. Bob Hiel and Jay Erb gave a detailed report of what the company would provide should we decide to use their services.

Cleo Russell discussed the building permit application from Terry Thompson for a 288 sq ft shed. It was discussed as to whether the shed should be 30 or 10 ft from the back line. Ed Lockhart made a motion the shed be put 30 ft. from the backline and if information is found that it could be 10 ft, it will be moved. Melvin Davis seconded the motion. All members present voted yea. Marian suggested Terry seeks a variance to move it closer to the backline.

Gordon Chilson and Larry Barnes expressed their interest in filling the vacancy on council. Larry is available at the present time and Gordon

would be available in a few weeks. Rob Abel made a motion to appoint Larry Barnes, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

Mayor Taft performed the swearing in of Larry Barnes.

There was a discussion pertaining to the minutes, agenda, and financial report. It was reported that a copy of the monthly minutes can be made the day following the approval of them; also the financial report can be reviewed at the office.

COMMUNICATIONS

Reviewed

TREASURER'S REPORT

Al Losey made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mildred Bliss. All members present voted yea.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Additional bills to pay: Lawrenceville Auto Parts \$20.29, Attorney Chappell 28.74, Treat's 52.87, Tioga County EMS 5.00, Collegiate-Pacific 21.00, Cumming Ford 155.52, Marian Russell 37.00 reimbursement. Total for additions \$320.42. Grand total to general funds \$8680.47. Rob Abel made a motion to pay the bills with the additions, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Taft read the police report. Burrow's agreed to clean up the property.

It was reported the Johnson property violations should be handled by the zoning code officer as they are operating a business in a residential district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A new roster will be typed for the changes made to the committees.

A. Library

The condition of the shutters was discussed and was put on hold for now.

B. Building Enforcement/ Zoning Officer

Approval of permits- Whitney, Rennie, Calvary UMC, Fogelsonger, Chamberlain, Lawrenceville Borough garage, Terry Thompson. Ed Lockhart made a motion to approval the permits, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

C. Public Works: Streets and Dikes

Al Losey thought Bill Dincher had made arrangements to have the streets swept while he was chairman of the committee; Al will check into this matter. The condition of State Street was discussed.

D. New Building

More information is needed on the garage specs.

Melvin would like to see a vapor light in the parking lot.

The new plans were presented by Pete Titlow. It was mentioned that L & I is not taking any walk-ins only mail submittals and that is taking approximately 12 weeks. It was decided to first put the building out for bid before submitting the drawings to L & I.

Rob Abel made a motion to advertise the municipal building, seconded by Ed Lockhart. Roll call vote is noted with all members present voting yea.

E. Recreation

Mildred Bliss made a motion to take down the steel monkey bars, seconded by Rob Abel. All members present voted yea.

Some trees in the lower park need to be cut down but there are electrical wires that need to be taken down first. Mildred Bliss made a motion to let the committee take care of contacting someone, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

Al Losey made a motion to buy the lime requested by Crystal Stage/Cinderella League, seconded Rob Abel. All members present voted yea.

Rob Abel made a motion to ok Walt to get done what he needs to do (ex: to purchase concrete, back hoe and drill), seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea. This pertains to last month's discussion by Chief Beach suggesting that backstops for the basket ball court be moved.

F. Public Safety: Fire and Police

Chief Beach discussed information for an underage drinking community grant program with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. The grants monies would help to educate the public and enforce underage drinking. Al Losey made a motion to authorize Mayor Taft to sign the authorization for Chief Beach to apply for the grant, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

G. Personnel and Appointments

Al Losey made a motion to reappoint Ken Leone, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea. There was a discussion as to whether Ken was on the Zoning Hearing Board or if he was the Zoning Hearing Officer. This will be researched and discussed next month.

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Mildred Bliss called for an Executive Session at 9:15 PM
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Meeting reconvened at 9:27 PM.

Larry Barnes made a motion to accept the resignation of Cleo Russell, seconded by Ed Lockhart. All members present voted yea.

There was a discussion on checking with Tioga for the name of their zoning officer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Waiting for a detailed bill from Penn Valley Publisher's for the recodification.

There was a discussion on the uniform construction code and the different possibilities available.

Mildred Bliss made a motion to extend the time for the Calvary UMC to repair the sidewalk on Franklin Street until after the borough completes the work needed on the dry well located in the same area, seconded by Rob Abel. All members present voted yea.

It was decided to have the June Borough Association Dinner at Patty T's however.

Borough council members will have to pay for their spouses to attend the dinner as the amount allowed in the budget was cut for this function.

Mildred Bliss mentioned putting a hold on the ordering of dry wells for State Street and it was decided Al Losey will look over the project with Melvin Davis and come up with a plan for the June meeting.

The planning commission would like to send out a survey and it was agreed the borough would cover the cost of postage. Karen Flynn will talk to Judy Abel and see if she would have any interest in being on the committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1-Judy Kenyon did some research into possibly using another telephone service for our toll calls. A spread sheet was handed out and it appeared the best pricing was with Total Call International. There are no monthly minimum or monthly fees. Mildred Bliss made a

motion to switch to Total Call, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

2- Mildred Bliss made a motion to approve Melvin Davis purchase 30 plants from Hughes for the cost of \$30 for the two flower beds, seconded by Al Losey.

3- Rob Abel made a motion to adopt resolution #324 pertaining to the general order of business, seconded by Al Losey. Roll call vote is noted with all members present voting yea. It is resolved that any and all individuals, after recognition from the Chair, during the section of the meeting identified as "Public Presentations" shall be provided with five (5) minutes to identify themselves and present their issue.

4- Tree stumps need to be ground down at the ball field. Al Losey made a motion to allow Al Beach permission to rent a grinder, seconded by Larry Barnes. All members present voted yea.

5- While Deats is doing the work at the basket ball court it was decided to have him take out the drain on State Street near the church. No motion was made on this matter.

6- Marian Russell read a petition pertaining to Act 339 she received at the last borough association meeting and will make copies available.

7- Marian Russell read the letter from Walter Beach in reference to the storm drain basin and the flooding that occurs on his property. Al Losey made a motion to have Deats dig out the catch basin, and fill in to grade, seconded by Melvin Davis. All members present voted yea.

8- Ed Lockhart made a motion to approve Judy Kenyon working more hours while the auditors are here to work on the 2003 audit, seconded by Al Losey. All members present voted yea.

ADJOURNMENT

Al Losey made a motion to adjourn at 10:40 PM, seconded by Mildred Bliss.

Minutes recorded and prepared by:
Darcy Wood
Secretary

